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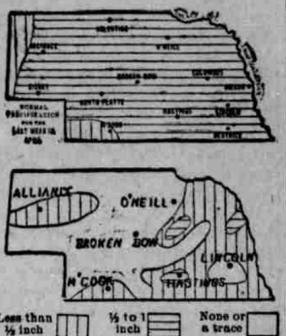
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NEBRASKA CROP REPORT.

AGAIN THERE WERE HEAVY RAINS.

The Brightest Prospects Everywhere for Good Crops.

The week ending Monday, April 27, 1896.



The past week has been one of continuously high temperature averaging about eleven degrees above the normal. The precipitation has been below the normal, until Monday night, being light or wanting over most sections of the state and exceeding half an inch only over limited areas.

The ground continues to be moist and in excellent condition over nearly the entire state although in a few counties of the southeastern section the need of rain is beginning to be felt.

All vegetation has made rapid growth during the week. The greater part of the corn ground has now been prepared for planting and corn planting has become general in the southeastern section.

Butler—All small grain and pastures coming on nicely. Prospects for fruit good. Some planting done.

Clay—Crops progressing rapidly. Fruit of all kind promising well. Small grain in best possible condition. Pasture good.

Case—Wheat and oats look splendid. Tame grass growing nicely. Pastures generally look well. Some corn planted. There is need of more rain.

Fillmore—Plowing for corn well advanced. Winter wheat looks fine. Oats and pastures doing well. Fruit trees in full bloom.

Gage—Corn planting begun. Beginning to need rain. Small grain continues in good condition.

Jefferson—Stock turned into pastures about two weeks earlier than usual. Crops looking fine. Planting of corn in progress.

Hamilton—Plowing for corn well along. Cherry and apple trees in bloom. Ground wet down very deep. All grasses and pastures the best for years.

Johnson—Warm and dry. Everything growing nicely. Corn planting has begun.

Lancaster—A wonderful growing week. Grain looking better than for years at this season. Chinch bugs flying very thick. Rain beginning to be needed.

Nemaha—Soil in fine condition. Some wheat very rank but on the whole the crop looks unusually well. No injury to fruit from frost. Season ten to fifteen days early.

Nuckolls—Everything growing very fast. Planting begun.

Otoe—Vegetation of all sorts pushing forward fast. Some pastures ready for cattle. Fruit blossoming very full.

Pawnee—Season about ten days earlier than usual. A few farmers are about half done planting and nearly all have begun. Early potatoes and sweet corn up. All fruit has blossomed well.

Polk—Vegetation has made rapid growth the past week. Winter wheat and rye in promising condition. Plowing for corn well under way. Low ground still too wet to work.

Richardson—Crops in fine growing condition. Corn planting commenced. Fruit trees have bloomed profusely and are setting their fruit. Fall wheat in fine condition. Season two weeks earlier than average.

Saline—Rain is needed. Cherries and most kinds of plums have blossomed very full. Apples budding well. Most ground nearly ready for corn. Some corn planted.

Saunders—Fruit trees in full bloom. Wheat, oats, pastures and gardens coming nicely. Some corn planted. Plenty of rain so far.

Seward—Small grain continues to thrive. Plowing for corn well advanced. Thayer—Small grain looking fine. Potatoes doing well. Some corn planted. Peach trees setting full of fruit. Early garden truck ready for use. Rain needed.

York—Small grain looks unusually fine. Wheat and rye never better. Fruit trees full of bloom. Plowing for corn well advanced.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION. Antelope—Plum trees turning white. Plenty of feed for stock in low places. Some corn planted. Ground in fine condition.

Boyd—Wheat dry and cool but crops have made good growth. Wheat and rye look extra well. Plowing for corn well advanced. Fruit trees budded.

Burt—Season two weeks later than last year. Tilled land somewhat washed by heavy rain on the 20th. Small grain improving. Ground in best condition for years.

Cedar—All kinds of grain doing well. Grass well ahead. Plowing for corn well advanced and ground in good condition.

Combs—Condition of all kinds of small grain good. Ground in excellent condition and work well advanced.

Douglas—Considerable plowing done. Small grain doing very well. Some fruit setting. Grass growing fast on uplands.

Dixon—Plowing for corn the order of the day and some planted. Spring wheat, oats, blue grass and alfalfa looking fine.

Holt—Ground in excellent condition. Plowing for corn under way. Small grain and pastures doing finely. Alfalfa four inches high and looks unusually well.

Knox—A fair week for crops. Nights too cool. More wheat and potatoes planted here this year than last.

Madison—Rather cool. Crops doing finely. Fruit trees blooming.

Pierce—A good week for crops. Ground in fine condition. Small grain looking fine and a large acreage. Plowing for corn well along.

Platte—Winter wheat and grass excellent. Fruit prospects good. Weather conditions perfect for farm work and the growth of all crops. No injury to fruit from the frost last week.

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Sarpy—Growing crops are progressing fairly. Farm work is being pushed at a high pressure.

Sioux City, Iowa—Wheat four inches high. Plowing for corn about completed. Stanton—Wheat and oats growing very fast and of a healthy color, corn ground about all prepared. Pastures are ten days in advance of last year.

Thurston—Plowing for corn well under way small grain doing well. Stock living on pastures.

Wayne—Wheat up and looks fine. Grass nearly ready for pasture. Alfalfa doing finely. Farmers busy plowing for corn.

Yankton, South Dakota—Wheat and oats growing well and a good pasturage. Much plowing for corn done.

CENTRAL SECTION. Boone—Plowing for corn. Ground in good condition. All small grain looks fine. Some cattle turned out to grass.

Buffalo—Grass and grain growing very fast. Ground being prepared for corn. Custer—Wheat developing strong stocky plants. Corn land being prepared for planting. Some are still sowing oats. Gardens coming on finely.

Dawson—Fine stand of small grain, winter wheat and rye looks fine. Spring wheat and oats coming up well. Plowing for corn coming on well.

Greeley—Wheat coming on finely. Grass three weeks earlier than usual.

Hall—Week very favorable for grass and small grain, rather cool for gardens. Plowing for corn under full headway.

Howard—Ground in fine condition. Small grain and grass growing well. Season two weeks earlier than usual. Splendid prospects for wild and tame fruits.

Keary—Favorable week for crops. Fruit trees in bloom.

Loup—Ground in the best condition for eight years. Seeding done. Wheat and oats coming on finely.

Merrick—Plenty of moisture. Peach trees never known to be so full of bloom.

Nance—Warm and pleasant. Small grain and grass growing well. Plowing for corn progressing rapidly. Ground in fine condition.

Sherman—Ground in good condition. All vegetation making good growth. Much corn ground plowed. Alfalfa shows up fine. Winter grain never looked better. Cattle mostly in pasture.

Valley—Farmers very busy plowing and breaking new ground. Choke cherries in bloom. Small grain could not look better.

Webster—Small grain about all in and coming up nicely. Some potatoes planted. Little plowing for corn. Grass growing nicely.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION. Adams—Ground rather wet. Alfalfa looking well. Wheat and oats in fine condition. Gardens looking well.

Chase—Small grain has grown rapidly. A good deal of corn planted. Grass doing finely. Fruit trees in bloom.

Dundy—Oats all sown. Wheat coming up and looking well. Corn planting in progress.

Franklin—Small grain looking fine and alfalfa coming nicely.

Furnas—Some corn planted. Small grain and apples, cherries and plums bid fair for a large crop. Alfalfa thicker set and farther advanced than usual at this time of the year.

Harlan—Frost on the 19th damaged fruit somewhat. Alfalfa looks fine. Ground wet down two to three feet. Small grain never looked better at this season. Corn planting in full progress.

Hitchcock—Week a good one for small grain and grass. Many farmers planting corn. Soil in fine condition. Heavy hail storm doing some damage to stock and to buildings.

Phelps—Grass and small grain doing finely. Fruit in full bloom. Ground in good condition.

Red Willow—Hail has injured fruit prospects somewhat. Soil very moist. Much corn planted. Gardens looking well.

Webster—Fine growing week. Farmers busy planting corn. Farm work well advanced. More alfalfa being sown this spring than ever before. Fruit trees in full bloom.

WESTERN SECTION. Cheyenne—Wheat mostly sown. Grass coming on nicely.

Dene—Most small grain up with good stand. Alfalfa planted last year is doing finely and more will be sown this year.

Lincoln—Much more wheat sown this year than last. Soil in excellent condition and crops are progressing nicely. Some planting done. Grass making unusual headway.

Logan—Spring wheat mostly up. Oats seeding about completed. Grass starting well. Some potatoes planted. Ground in good condition.

Scotts Bluffs—Many fruit trees being planted. Wild fruit full of buds.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION. Box Butte—Small grain and potatoes about all in. Grass coming on well. Ground in fine shape.

Dawes—Fine warm weather all the week. Farm work has gone forward rapidly.

Keya Paha—Oats about all sown. Wheat mostly up. Corn plowing well advanced. Ground the wettest for four years.

Rock—A good week. Everything doing well. Small grain about sown. Some wheat up and looking well.

Sheridan—Seeding about completed. Wheat coming up and in good condition.

Ennobling Patriotism. "Principles count for everything, and men for nothing, in our struggle," said Senator Allen in his letter to Governor Holcomb, declining to be a candidate for populist president.

Business Men, Attention. The attention of those business men who believe that Nebraska will boom this fall is directed to the fact that the entire crop of the state, if above the average yield and price, will not begin to pay the '96 interest, taxes and back it'terest now due.

Beginning to Acknowledge it. Nebraska populists are to have a representation of fifty-seven delegates in their national convention.

He Heads the List. As a statesman William V. Allen is vastly the superior of any candidate that the republicans have mentioned for their presidential nominee.

Delinquent subscribers must pay up, at least in part.

WE WILL NOT BE SWALLOWED

WHEN THE FEAT IS PERFORMED WE WILL BE OUTSIDE—NOT INSIDE.

Fool Fellows Trying to Organize a Silver Party When one is in Existence.

EWING, Holt Co., April 21, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT—I see by last issue an article from Brother Snyder. He seems to fear that the populist party will be swallowed and entirely disappear from the face of the earth at the St. Louis convention.

Now I think Brother Snyder is a man who believes in God, does not believe in ghosts, hobgoblins or myths and there is no political organization at present which is hankering to swallow the populist party.

The fact stands clear cut and very prominent to view, that there are a great many silver men in the old parties who really desire to have their 16 to 1 free silver views crystallized into law.

The idea of organizing another free silver party on the eve of a presidential election to accomplish something for which there is already a powerful organization already in operation with over two million voters, and a press which is alert, aggressive and already numbers thousands—all such talk is pure rot, and will answer for a demagogue who is the loudest blatter for reform, but claims he is still a democrat or a republican and shall always be, because Dad was, or—some other reason he does not know exactly what, but all on account of the tariff.

Every old party man that knows anything about the workings of their National Conventions is by this time aware of the fact that the free silver element won't amount to a pinch of snuff—they can swallow the goldbug nominee—or bolt it if they want to or have the wool pulled over their eyes by an ostensible free silver democratic nominee with a constituency which declare they will support a goldbug let him be who he will.

So we see he is between the devil and the deep sea, he can take his choice if he is intelligent and honest he will go with a party who have always redeemed their promises to the people, and practice what they preach.

The other fellow has taken an iron clad oath and can never change his political faith, no more than the Leopard can his spots. No new idea can ever reach him even for one moment, or enter into his head.

Where is he at, just at this critical time when he must choose? The party lash cracks over his head and Shylock takes another turn of the screw and the post office and all the public political pap on which he has nourished himself and grown fat seems slipping from his sight! Has he any convictions of duty, of American citizenship, of liberty and manhood? Where is his patriotism? Is he ready to say "Give me Liberty or Give me Death?" Now is he ready to take a stand for truth, for his country and put himself in array against this monopolistic, plutocratic herd of money mongers who are, and have been, ever since Earnest Seyd from London, in 1873, came to this thing we call congress and succeeded in getting the demonetization of silver, and who is now playing into the hand of old England? God have mercy on his poor benighted soul! What is it I hear him shouting now? "Rah! for Grover the 3d" or "Rah for McKinley"—he ain't particular which one he shouts for and his blindness and ignorance in this respect is all the financial wisdom he is able to display. He may as well yell for McKinley and Grover, for General Harrison or Dan Vorhees, they are all on a parity when you come to the financial question, and only differ about three per cent. on the tariff.

John Sherman can figure out that they are the direct descendants of the apostles and have entire charge of the financial ark of the United States, when he wants help to defeat a bill to coin the seigniorage, and make the way clear for another issue of interest-raising bonds.

Let Brother Snyder glance all along the line and take courage. Truth is omnipotent. "The Eternal Years of God are Hers," God is not dead.

True, it takes a long time for the people to get their eyes open and shake off party ties. But a bought-up goldbug press can't fool all the people all the time.

Let everybody in Nebraska rally to the support of the INDEPENDENT. It gives forth no uncertain sounds. It will be a potent and powerful factor during the campaign. Sow the country knee deep with such facts as it will present to the people and we will reap a harvest of votes that will let the world know that Nebraska is in the vanguard in the fight in the preservation of the liberties of the people of this great commonwealth.

G. F. SMITH.

A Populist Railroad. The populists of Iowa have filed articles of incorporation of a railroad company known as the American Railway Company, and it is proposed to construct a railroad from Council Bluffs to Chicago.

The scheme is one of the greatest ever attempted by any party or class of people in the state. The plan is to construct it by selling shares of the denomination of \$10, payable \$1 every three months.

The headquarters of the company are at Des Moines. The populists have been planning the scheme three months and whether it ever becomes a reality or not it will serve as a good campaign argument. It is designed to operate the road at cost and is not to be a money making enterprise. The articles of incorporation filed with the county recorder state that no official is to have a salary of more than \$3,000.

Those having it in charge say they are more than satisfied with the reception it has met with in the few short months it has been contemplated. They believe, as soon as they get men out selling stock it will have a great boom.

ODD FELLOWS IN WANT. Membership Decreasing Because They Can't pay Their Dues.

The following editorial is taken from the March, 1896, number of the Odd Fellows Souvenir, the national organ of the great fraternity of Odd Fellows. In a personal interview with the editor we are informed that this editorial is the result of much consideration by many of the most conservative members: that this question has been under consideration for more than a year and the official data at hand is so convincing that it is useless to attempt to claim that the present monetary conditions are working great injury to the order.

In present, editor M. F. Dowd said: "The present monetary condition has been a great injury to our order. The official data received at this office show that we lost in 1893, 36,886 members by suspension for non-payment of dues and in 1894 the number dropped was 48,339, a total of 85,225 for the two years, and it is believed that the official reports for 1895 when completed will show nearly as many suspensions as in the year 1893-4 combined. In 1893 we initiated 72,807, while in 1894 we initiated 63,855, a decrease of nearly 9,000. We have about 800,000 members in the United States and territories."

"Yes, they are all voters. Before a man can become an Odd Fellow he is required to sign a contract which is binding alike upon himself and the order, hence it is necessary that he should be 21 years of age. When the situation is properly understood I believe the American people will demand free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

The Goldite Village Editor. If God Almighty can create anything smaller, stupider and meaner than the average old-party village editor we would like to see him do it. It would strain his omnipotence dreadfully. And when it was finished microscopes would be necessary to bring the workmanship within the range of human vision.—Ignatius Donnelly.

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The Sludge Hammer: "Every one [of the songs] is a gem. No chaff in the whole book."

Marshalltown (Iowa) Populist: "Should be in the hands of everyone who wishes to make a hit during the campaign."

Prof. George D. Herron: "I believe your book of songs will be of immeasurable and divine service in quickening and pervading the great movement for the social change which is manifesting itself every where among the common people. It will inspire the people with courage and cheer and fellowship in the great struggle that is before them."

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